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Closures for the San Fernando Valley I-5 HOV Improvement Project

There will be NO CLOSURES during the Thanksgiving Holiday,
Wednesday, Nov. 24, at 6 a.m. through Sunday, Nov. 28, at midnight.

San Fernando Valley — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the following lanes, ramps, and connectors of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) as part of a \$140-million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are subject to change.

Golden State Freeway (I-5) Closures

Sunday, November 21, through Wednesday, November 24

- Up to four lanes of Northbound I-5 from Sheldon Street to Paxton Street
TIME: 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Up to four lanes of Southbound I-5 from SR-118 to SR-170
TIME: 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Connector to Southbound SR-170
TIME: 11:59 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) Closures

Sunday, November 21, through Wednesday, November 24

- Northbound SR-170 Connector to Northbound I-5
TIME: 11:59 p.m. to 6 a.m.

About the Project

This project involves the construction of an HOV lane in each direction on I-5 between the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) and SR-118, a distance of 6.8 miles (3.4 miles in each direction). It will also widen four undercrossings, replace sections of pavement, and reconstruct the mixed-flow connector to build a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. A direct HOV connector allows for freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

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This project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California.

Work began in August 2010 and is on track to wrap up in the spring of 2013. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.

For more information, check out the project web page:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/travel/projects/details.php?id=49>

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